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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Engel had an amendment from you, but a note to want to withdraw, Senator, AM0487.

SENATOR ENGEL: I'd like to withdraw AM0487. Thank you.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Engel, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 240.

SENATOR ENGEL: I waive closing. Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Engel waives closing. The question is, shall LB 240 be advanced to E & R Initial. All those in favor please signify by voting aye, all opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 mays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 240.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: LB 240 is advanced. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 18CA, offered by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The resolution was introduced on January 15, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on LR 18CA.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There...I'd like to spend some time and there are some issues that I'd like to get out before the body before I start about the bill itself. One is that for those of you who have been here for the last, what, I would say dozen years, has probably been the hotbed of petition litigation and so on, that there are few issues that have probably frustrated the Legislature more than changes to the constitution. We've done many changes to the constitution, some of them very good, some